



Two Members of York County Fire & Life Safety Department Receive Prestigious State Awards

Yorktown, Dec. 6 – Two members of York County's Fire and Life Safety Department have received prestigious awards from the Office of the Governor of Virginia and Virginia's Office of Emergency Medical Services for their outstanding work in the field of Emergency Medical Services (EMS).

Assistant Chief **Robert A. Brown** received the Governor's Award for Outstanding EMS Administrator. Assistant Chief Brown was recognized for his depth of experience in emergency medical services and dedication as a provider, instructor, coach, supervisor, administrator, rescue squad volunteer and fire officer. Brown is certified at every level of basic and advanced life support pre-hospital care. He has been active as a regional council volunteer and staff member. Brown serves on the State EMS Advisory Board's EMS Communications Committee and Financial Assistance Review Committee. He is cited as an excellent instructor in all levels of pre-hospital basic and refresher courses.

Operational Medical Director **Dr. Kimberly J. Mitchell** received the Governor's Award for Outstanding EMS Physician. Dr. Mitchell started her EMS career as a dispatcher before she became an EMT, a Paramedic and ultimately a board certified emergency medicine physician. She is now an emergency department attending physician at Riverside Regional Medical Center. She was recognized for her medical oversight and operational direction for Virginia's EMS system. Dr. Mitchell was cited for her commitment to the patient, EMS leadership, quality care and EMS participation. She is a member of the State EMS Advisory Board and the Peninsulas Regional EMS Council.

Assistant Chief Brown and Dr. Mitchell received their awards at the annual Virginia EMS Symposium, where EMS professionals throughout the state are recognized in 10 categories of excellence.

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Two York County Fire Personnel Honored

“We are extremely proud of these two fine members of the York County Department of Fire and Life Safety,” said Fire Chief Stephen P. Kopczynski, Director of the York County Department of Fire and Life Safety. “These recognitions speak highly of the commitment to excellence that is an everyday part of our department.”

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